

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: BARBEAU, et al. Docket No.: 9555.87USI1  
Filed: May 9, 2001  
Title: IMPROVED BACTERICIDAL AND NON-BACTERICIDAL  
SOLUTIONS FOR REMOVING BIOFILMS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of  
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Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application filed herewith, please enter the following preliminary amendment:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraph after the title on the first page of the specification:

--This application is a Continuation-in-part of Serial No. 09/187,249, filed November 6, 1998.--

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

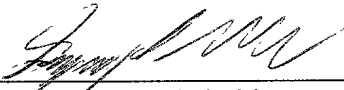
If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicant's primary attorney-of record, Gregory A. Sebald (Reg. No. 33,280), at (612) 336-4728.

Respectfully submitted,

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